

## **Village of Cleveland Board Meeting 6:30PM August 14, 2018**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Laureen Tackman, Trustees Christine Schreiber, Robin Wilson, Dave Donovan, Absent: John Scatena. Zack Avery, Mike Davis, Cathy Kline, Dan Lewis, Paul Baxter, Brenda Williams, William Hamacher, Shaun House, David Hinds, Tom Swistak, Roy Reehil.

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER** by Mayor Tackman at 6:30 pm with Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Cathy Kline asked the status of the street lights on Gale Road – we have to decide where to put the 5 and due to storms we lost 2 other and need to contact National Grid to repair. Zack will get the pole numbers and address this. Dan Lewis asked about the condemned house on West Street and what is going on with that. The Land Bank will be taking it down. The Village cannot take it down. We are waiting for the Land Bank. Shaun House stated there will be a blood drive at the Fire House on Friday, August 31 from 1-6. Park Director Brenda Williams spoke up about the speeding on North Street and what can be done. Mayor Tackman will talk to the sheriff to see if we can get more patrols. Insurance is a concern with our proposed new playground and proximity to the street.

**PAY BILLS:** Mayor Tackman made a motion to pay Abstract #3, vouchers 107-160 in the amount of \$104,785.34, second by Trustee Donovan, all in favor. Trustee Schreiber commented that the boat docking fee of \$650 is ridiculous and Chief House stated perhaps when the dock project is complete, we could move the boat there. Mayor Tackman made a motion to approve the budget modification of \$1095.00 to FX8340.4 from fund balance, second by Trustee Wilson, all in favor.

**TANKS, METERS AND SIDEWALKS:** After meeting with several vendors for the new water tower and meter companies and discussions with our engineers and DPW Superintendent regarding the best options for the water project, Mayor Tackman made a motion to approve the use the concrete tank from DN Tank and Neptune Meters from Ti Sales, with purchasing of the meters from the contractor, second Trustee Wilson, all in favor. The concrete tank requires no interior maintenance, offers no intrusion or draining. The Neptune meter is waterproof, meter still reads if battery dies and has local customer service.

**DPW:** Zack Avery reported they had complaints about the lawn mowing at the park, but that has been rectified. They have been busy with the engineers surveying well property, helping with soil borings, boring at the well and locating utilities and locating sewer mains that aren't where they are supposed to be. They have had 2 water main breaks to the east and west end. The west end was caused by the contractor for the Bernhard's Bay water project. Zack has been driving truck for the town for paving and hauling stone in a reciprocal agreement where the town will come pave the village the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of September for free, we will just purchase the materials. Sand, Clay, Center and the end of Bridge St. to the east will be paved. He has also met with the engineers regarding guard rails and they suggest waiting until the water project is complete as they do want to have to go back and redo them. Trustee Schreiber asked if it would be better to buy the materials for the guard rails now due to the cost of steel going up. We will check with the engineers to see if this is feasible. Mayor Tackman asked who should be flushing the hydrants, the DPW or Fire Dept? Zack stated the DPW and they haven't been done this year and will be done by the end of the month. She also stated if we are moving vacant properties, we need to be weed-eating them as well, especially 107 and 191 Center St. 28 West Street needs to be moved by the Land Bank. Shaun House asked if they could get a speed limit sign on Beach Road and playground ahead signs.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:** Chief House stated there have been 43 total calls this month. Codey Generous has been given a red helmet and promoted to lieutenant. 421 has been repaired, 431 has new off road tires, and the old tires sold on Auctions International. Truck committee is working on the new truck. The PO

system is working well, they have 3 new members and hepatitis shots have been given. The Survey for the department is out and they hope to get good information back from this. The new roster has been sent to the County and David Hinds is station chief. Water rescues are going better as they have better process in place and a there is a private tow boat on the lake. The department presented a Fire Chief's vehicle policy for the board to review and give suggestions for the next meeting.

**DOG CONTROLREPORT:** Mayor Tackman read the report submitted by the dog warden. There was one complaint this month. It was filed as a dangerous dog case. A male dog and female dog in heat had an altercation, on the female dog owners property. The owners of the female dog contained the male dog, and I went to pick it up. The male dog was not currently licensed or up to date on rabies so after speaking to the owner I took the dog to Village Vet to get a rabies shot and then the owner licensed the dog. A court case was heard in Constantia Court and the dog was found to be dangerous and must be kept contained.

Our Village Dog Law currently reads "It shall be unlawful for any dog in the Village to permit or allow such dog, if a female dog when in heat, be off the owner's premises unrestrained by a leash". This is something that the Village may want to reconsider. Though no owner should allow their dog to be unrestrained off of the owner's property, it does occasionally happen. To be fair, it is in a dog's instincts to attempt to breed and having an unsupervised female chained in the front yard is hardly preventative. I have seen other Town laws that read "It shall be unlawful for any owner of any dog in the Town to permit or allow such dog, if an unspayed female dog when in heat, be permitted to be outside a building or a fenced enclosure unless on a leash". I think it may be helpful to reexamine our law to help with future incidents such as this one. I did go on vacation and checked the phone for messages periodically. I did not get any calls for the Village while I was away (thankfully). As always, if anyone has any questions or concerns they should feel free to contact me.

**PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE:** Committee Chair Brenda Williams gave the following update:

1) Reviewing available catalogs and brainstorming the best ideas for the park and their costs

Met with Joe Denzak of Denzak Recreational Design at the park with Zach. They designed Onondaga Lake Park, and many in Cicero, Liverpool, Syracuse, etc.

The baseball field is the best place for the playground. (Caswell is less busy, it is close to parking for the disabled, close to the pavillion, bathrooms.) Otherwise, revamping the current location has been suggested by the insurance company. (The playground must be more than 375 feet from home plate.) We discussed moving the baseball field across the park with home plate near the drying building.

We'd like to install a playground for the 2-5 yr. Olds, one for the 5-12 yr. olds, a zip line, a fitness track, and sensory garden. Other ideas include bocce ball courts, horseshoe pits, a beach volleyball court and an ice skating rink.

2) Contacting the insurance company for their input

An ice skating rink is okay if we don't rent skates. If there is no charge, there will be a flat rate. If we do, it will be rated by receipts. (We are thinking free.)

We must either install a fence by the road, eliminate the 2-5 yr. Old facilities, or change the speed limit to less than 25 AND design the playground so the protective surfaces are more than 30 feet from the road.

An acceptable fence is both at least 8 feet from the protective surfaces and 4 feet tall.

We need to install Playground Ahead signage.

Fundraising is fine with them but Fairs and Festivals will need specific riders.

3) Discussing Fundraising and Grants

As a community, we are in poverty, obese, and about 20 miles from appropriate family exercise facilities.

Steve Fleming at the Legion has granted us free use of the Legion's facilities for fund raising. Lisa Vella will give us opaque pickle jars for donations and allow them to be placed in her store.

Fundraising Ideas:

Donation Jars

Election Day Bake Sale and Dinner

Fishing Derby/Ice Fishing Derby with Chili, hot chocolate, hot dogs, etc. available at the Legion for purchase. (Check with Lance Vella for sustainability for fish.)

Chicken BBQ

Car Show at the park with Classic or Beloved or some kind of themed cars

Burger King Bucks

Carnival and Flea Market

Limited Seating Events:

Wine and Chocolate with wineries doing tastings and including basket raffles of assorted wine and chocolate related items. Cheese It Up with prizes for the worst/best dressed, etc. including beer and cheese, fondues, etc. Bill Buchanan at Buttercup Cheese will sell us cheese at wholesale price to resell (no license required), and donate two \$10 gift certificates for

baskets. Contact local distilleries for beer.

Hoot for the Holidays, Ugly Prom, etc

4) Final Thoughts

We are attempting to schedule meetings with AA Cole Principal Smolnik and the mayor of Lacona about what works and what doesn't in playground design.

And, for Principal Smolnik, can we pair with him for grants that require students participation/leadership.

They stated they need a way to draw people in. The comment was made that sometimes the simplest is the best. Discussed other municipalities and how they have done the work, with help of their DPW. Our DPW can do the digging and have some volunteers with the supervision of the playground equipment company. They work with the Office of Government Services, so we do not need to have 3 bids.

**TUG HILL REPORT:** Mayor Tackman read Paul Baxter's report:

1. I attended the **Central New York Regional Economic Development Council** on **Tuesday, July 17** in Oswego, New York.
2. I attended the county **shared services meeting** on **Wednesday, July 25** in Mexico, at which the draft shared services plan was presented.
3. The **New York State Tug Hill Commission** has planned its September meeting for Albion, New York, tentatively set for the Albion – Altmar Municipal Building, 15 Bridge Street, Altmar, New York at 10:00 a.m. Official notice will go out with the confirmed meeting location as we get closer to the meeting. The town board and the interested public are all most welcome to this meeting.
4. We are in the process of scheduling a **town budget work session**, tentatively in September. We are currently trying to verify a Parish location for this session, and we will notify you when those arrangements have been finalized.
5. *The date of the **Tug Hill Local Government Conference** has been set for **Thursday, March 28, 2019.***

**CORRESPONDENCE:** The Board received a letter from water customer Jeannie Ridgeway requesting a

change in status for her water billing as she has closed her business and now requests to be billed as a residential customer. Mayor Tackman made a motion to approve the status change of the Ridgeway property at 260 State Route 49 from business to 1 residential water, second by Trustee Wilson, all in favor. Mayor Tackman stated we will be sending a letter to all the outside west end water customers explaining the billing and water choices available to them. The board is all in agreement on this letter being sent.

**IMPORTANT DATES:** Next meeting tentatively scheduled for September 11, 2018 at 6:30 but may change due to the 9/11 remembrance ceremony.

**LEGISLATOR'S REPORT:** Legislator Reehil stated he met with Matt Marko, the head of the DEC and he is confident they can work out the details on the dock and begin work in the fall and they are close to going to bid on phase 1. He reported there is nothing happening with the DEC and the school. Maybe we can send a letter to the CSSD Superintendent regarding the school and that the IDA can help with something that is in the best interest of both entities. ie: pharmacy/eldercare/daycare/etc. He also stated that several properties were sold at the auction. Mayor Tackman told him that 28 West St. cannot be taken down by the Village due to asbestos. The Land Bank will take down if it is not purchased by a private buyer.

Mayor Tackman also mentioned the speeding issue we have in the village and what could be done. A letter will be written to the Undersheriff asking for more patrols and the same from the troopers. Mr. Reehil asked will outside water customers get metered? We are unsure of that at this point. He believes the east end customers need to be encouraged to form a water district to prevent what is happening on the west end. He also offered his assistance to the board with budgeting to establish water rates once the meters are in.

At 7:50 pm, Mayor Tackman made a motion to go into executive session to discuss matters involving the fire department and personnel, second by Trustee Schreiber, all in favor. At 8:10pm, Mayor Tackman made a motion to come out of executive session and reopen the meeting, second by Trustee Donovan, all in favor. Mayor Tackman made a motion to approve the Fire Department's to purchase of a 2012 Ford Escape with 89,000 miles from a private party with clear title for \$10,500 as a Chief's Vehicle and permission to spend up to \$15,000 for lights, stripping, etc., second Trustee Wilson, all in favor.

Mayor Tackman made a motion to adjourn at 8:13pm, second by Trustee Wilson, all in favor.